

Wednesday, January 28, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity and History of Bills Enacted Into Public Law.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1576–1582 and S. Con. Res. 71. Page S113

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties, transmitted to the Senate today by the President of the United States:

Extradition Treaty with Zimbabwe (Treaty Doc. 105–33); and

Treaty with Latvia on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters. (Treaty Doc. 105–34)

The treaties were considered as having been read the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and ordered to be printed. Page S187

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting a report concerning peaceful uses of nuclear energy; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–85). Page S111

Transmitting a report concerning peaceful uses of nuclear energy; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–86). Pages S111–12

Transmitting a report concerning the national emergency with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–87). Pages S112–13

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 67 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 1 EX), Ann L. Aiken, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon. Pages S73–82, S85, S188

Richard W. Story, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Barry G. Silverman, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

74 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

6 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total–1) Page S85

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:06 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, January, 29 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S187–88).

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL DEFENSE REPORT

Committee on Armed Services: Committee held hearings to examine certain national security requirements of the United States, including the force structure necessary to meet those requirements, receiving testimony from Phillip Odeen, Chairman, Richard L. Armitage, Robert M. Kimmitt, Andrew F.

Krepinevich, and Gen. Robert W. RisCassi, all Members of the National Defense Panel; and Adm. William A. Owens, USN (Ret.).

Hearings continue tomorrow.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Committee held hearings to examine the current outlook for the United States economy and the budget for fiscal years 1999 through 2008, receiving testimony from June E. O'Neill, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

EDUCATION FUNDING REFORM

Committee on the Budget: Committee held hearings to examine certain Federal education spending reform proposals, receiving testimony from Frank T. Brogan, Florida Department of Education, Tallahassee, on behalf of the Education Leaders Council; Madeleine D. Manigold, Texas Education Agency, Austin; Henry Der, California Department of Education, Sacramento; and Cozette Buckney and Philip J. Hansen, both of Chicago Public Schools, Chicago, Illinois.

Committee recessed subject to call.

IRS REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on proposals and recommendations to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, and a related measure H.R. 2676, receiving testimony from Rob-

ert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury; and Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Richard W. Fisher, of Texas, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, Donald C. Lubick, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and L. Paige Marvel, of Maryland, and Michael B. Thornton, of Virginia, each to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

Mr. Fisher was introduced by Senators Hutchison, Lugar, and Graham, and Ms. Marvel was introduced by Senator Sarbanes.

NATIONAL SECURITY

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine current and projected worldwide threats to United States national security, after receiving testimony from George J. Tenet, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Robert M. Bryant, Deputy Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Phyllis E. Oakley, Assistant Secretary of State of Intelligence and Research; and Lt. Gen. Patrick M. Hughes, USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 3116–3135; 1 private bill, H.R. 3136; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 205–206, and H. Res. 341–343 were introduced. Pages H99–H100

Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows:
Supplemental report on H.R. 10, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers (H. Rept. 105–164 Part 4). Page H99

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Nussle to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H67

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, the Reverend Paul I. Nussle of Sumner, Washington. Page H67

Question of Privilege of the House: The Chair ruled that H. Res. 341, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did constitute a question of privilege of the House and was in order. Subsequently, the House agreed to table the resolution by a yea and nay vote of 214 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 2. Pages H72–73

Legislative Program: The Chairman of the Rules Committee announced the Legislative Program for the week of February 2. Page H73

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

National Emergency re Middle East Peace Process: Message wherein he transmitted his report concerning terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–182); Page H91

Nuclear Energy Agreement with Kazakhstan: Message wherein he transmitted his proposed agreement between the United States and the Republic of Kazakhstan Concerning the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear

Energy—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–183); and Page H92

Nuclear Energy Agreement with Swiss Federal Council: Message wherein he transmitted his proposed agreement between the United States and the Swiss Federal Council Concerning the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–184). Pages H92–93

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H67.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H72–73. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 1:00 p.m. and pursuant to H. Con. Res. 201 adjourned at 5:25 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3.

Committee Meetings

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held an oversight hearing on National Energy Policy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Ernest J. Moniz, Under Secretary; Patricia F. Dodley, Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy; and Dan W. Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Cecil H. Underwood, Governor, State of West Virginia; and public witnesses.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education began hearings on Labor, Health and Human Services appropriations for fiscal year 1999. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.